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AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Covered by Previous Payments	Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims*	15	20	0	\$50.00/ \$25.00	\$ 0
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$200.00/ \$100.00	\$ 0
	(If claims added by amendment include Multiple Dependent				
Multiple	Claim(s) and there was no Multiple Dependent Claim(s) in				
Dependent	application before amendment add \$360.00 to additional fee				
Claims	(\$180.00 for small entity).				\$ 0
				TOTAL	\$ 0

^{*}Includes all independent and single dependent claims and all claims referred to in multiple dependent claims. See 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c).

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	Small entity status is or has been claimed. Reduced Fees Under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(f) paid herewith \$				
	Pages Sequence Listing				
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	Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.825(b) that the computer and paper copies of the substitute Sequence Listing are the same.				
	A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is attached.				
	Charge fee to Deposit Account No. <u>13-4500</u> , Order No A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.				
X	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for filing this amendment, including all fees pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17 for its timely consideration, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>13-4500</u> , Order No. <u>5000-5122</u> . A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.				
	Respectfully submitted, MORGAN & FINNEGAN, L.L.P.				
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 17, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A listing of amendments to the **claims** as pending is included beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.